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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: DIA and NSA Appropriations Hearings before Senator Russell

1. This memorandum is for information.
2. General Carroll, for DIA, and General Blake, for NSA, appeared on successive days this week in appropriations hearings before Senator Russell. A single copy of General Carroll's testimony is being held by the committee and will not be released. General Blake's testimony will not be transcribed. I talked with [redacted] DIA's Comptroller, and [redacted] NSA's Comptroller, who were present throughout their respective sessions. [redacted] has edited the transcript of the DIA testimony, and [redacted] took detailed notes on the NSA session.

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3. After DIA had presented its prepared statement on the budget, the committee asked about the proposed DIA building and went through the justification for it. This led to comments on the great number of people in intelligence and a question about the size of DIA. General Carroll said their personnel figure would be about [redacted] at the end of 1965, and when Senator Russell said this was a pretty heavy increase General Carroll explained that DIA was created basically by transfers from the other intelligence components. This apparently was pretty well accepted by the committee. General Carroll noted that it was a modest number compared with CIA and NSA, whereupon Senator Russell remarked that there were more people in U. S. intelligence than in the intelligence services of any other four countries of the world.

4. Senator Russell asked about the relation of NSA to CIA and DIA, and General Carroll gave the explanation that NSA was a producer of raw intelligence, DIA was a consumer for production of military intelligence, and CIA was a consumer of NSA and other raw

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intelligence for the national intelligence product. Both [redacted] and [redacted] got the clear impression that the committee members did not understand technical intelligence terms such as "consumer," "producer," "collation," "intelligence data," "finished intelligence," etc. The committee asked if the policymakers did not get confused on getting different reports from CIA, DIA, and NSA, and General Carroll tried to explain who got what reports and for what, and again the committee appeared to be confused. Senator Russell asked General Carroll to present his concept to the committee in writing, and General Carroll pointed out that he really could only speak for the military. This brought comment from the committee that no one person seemed to speak for the whole, whereupon General Carroll explained the USIB concept and the position of the Director. He was then asked if Mr. McCone takes one view and all the rest of USIB differs whose estimate is the national estimate. General Carroll explained the footnoting system and said that such a situation could not really arise. The committee, however, said that was not the point, maybe it could not arise but if it did what would happen. Both Senator Russell and Senator Symington repeatedly commented on the great number of people and wondered if there were not organizational overlap and where could they find one point of contact.

5. General Blake, after presenting his prepared statement, was asked for a clarification of NSA's role, and he emphasized that it was a collection function of one peculiar type of information from communication links or electronic emissions acquired through the service collection units and brought back centrally to NSA to put in usable form for the consumers, particularly CIA. He was asked who attended USIB for NSA, and he said he himself did the greatest portion of the time and in his absence his Deputy attended. He was asked if it was a working board or merely one that philosophized on intelligence problems, and he asserted that it was indeed a working board under Mr. McCone's direction, with many specific problems in coordination, collection, and production. Senator Symington asked General Carroll who sat on USIB for the Department of Defense, and General Carroll said he and General Blake were the DOD representatives. Senator Symington asked if the services had any voice, and General Carroll said yes they attended and had opportunity to state their viewpoints. Senator Symington referred to the Cuban missile crisis and said the Army, Navy, and Air Force all had widely varying views as to the number and types of missiles and said it seemed to him very confusing to try to get any single answer. He referred to his experience as Secretary of the Air Force and the NSC where the military attended but were not members and said this type of organization would not work.

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6. Senator Symington asked Senator Russell if he would require a justification in writing of compartmentalization of the intelligence effort in the Department of Defense. Senator Symington said there should be a setup in Defense for purely military intelligence, and CIA should do all the rest as State and other USIB members were peripheral. As it was, he said, DOD had too many offices which were not coordinated.

7. The committee asked some questions about defectors from U. S. intelligence components, particularly about Martin, Mitchell, and Dunlap, and expressed unhappiness about having any such defections when so much money, time, and manpower was spent on intelligence, security checks, and the like.

8. Neither General Carroll nor General Blake were asked about budget matters as such, even though NSA is asking for a 1,000 increase in personnel for this year and is prepared to defend it.

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9. [redacted] said there was an indication from Senator Russell that he would call you when he returned from Georgia to go into this whole problem.

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10. [redacted] is preparing a concept paper in response to Senator Russell's request and I told him I thought you would want to consider a coordinated approach to the committee and might want to take this up next week in USIB.

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